

To W. R. Garrison.

South Natick

Feb 22<sup>d</sup> 1860.

Brother,

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Corruption after corruption is exposed by the workingmen of Natick & South Natick. Yielding to temptation to make money too fast several of our Manufacturers have oppressed the poor. This fact, together with depression in the business, has led to "the Strike" for higher wages & for more honorable dealing.

I irresistibly spoke a good word for the laboring classes, and am now cast out as evil by the men, who have for the past year paid my salary, having been previously dropped by the Unitarians for preaching "Garrison & Parker."

A Parish Meeting to be held 1<sup>st</sup> day of March will probably vote me out of the pulpit. Your visit therefore will be most opportune for my comfort. I am cheered at the thought of it and have prin



ted a few cards for notice, and  
hope you will notify the meeting  
in the Liberator & mark the notice  
if any near So Natick might there  
by be induced to come. My people  
I am sorry to say, are scattered, and  
this is true, whether relating to my  
Parish or to my sympathizers. We  
shall look confidently for you by  
the cars, leaving Boston at 4 1/2 P.M.  
Saturday Evening & dropping you  
at West Needham, to be conveyed  
by our coach to my door - the  
whole fare from Boston to my  
house being 60 cents. We had a  
most fit celebration of Washington's  
Strike for a white man's republic  
& his superiority to ambition, while  
making speeches this afternoon at  
Natick in behalf of Labor. Never  
in any town was such a gather-  
ing of nations & creeds for so good  
a purpose or seldom. Your ex-  
ample inspires me. I have  
a great deal to communicate,  
whenever your ear shall be mine

Yours Truly

Wm. L. Babcock.